SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR UPGRADING
SOFTWARE IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER SYSTEM

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A method for upgrading one of several computer programs stored on an application

5   server in a distributed computing environment while permitting the application server to

continue to service requests for other computer programs. In accordance with the method,

the application server is prevented from receiving any new requests for the computer

program. The system then waits until all current requests serviced by the application server

for that computer program have ended. Then, after acknowledging completion of upgrading

10   of the computer program, the application server is permitted to receive any new requests for

the computer program. Apparatuses for carrying out the inventive method are provided.